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SOME BIG PROPOSITIONS IN ONTARIO

HOMESTAKE OF ONTARIO AND OTHER
BIG MINES WILL YET MAKE
ONTARIO FAMOUS.

THE MINER has received the cheering news that the placing of the stock of the big Homestake of Ontario gold mine is meeting with the most gratifying success in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and that applications are coming in from California to Philadelphia and other eastern cities. The success of the Homestake of South Dakota, the Alaska-Treadwell and other big mines in the west is so well known that it has been no trouble at all to float the Homestake of Ontario. The management, however, do not intend to let more of the stock get out than is absolutely necessary, and for that reason, the present price of 10c per share will not long be maintained, and it is very probable that if another block is sold it will be at a figure not less than par. Hence it behoves those who desire to get in on the ground floor to make application for stock without delay. It is also gratifying to know that arrangements are now completed for operating this great property on a large scale.

In speaking of this Homestake mine reminds Tim Miner that the San Francisco Mining and Scientific Press, than which there is no better authority, unqualifiedly stated in a recent issue that the big low grade free milling gold mining propositions of Ontario soon or later would come to the front and would prove themselves to be the most successful and profitable mines.

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and were developed as such, have since proved themselves to be merely the pay streaks of big wide veins of pyrite, mostly of a schistose nature with a value of \$5 per ton upwards of surface ore, with the surprising tendency common to all Ontario properties, to become richer as depth of working is attained.

The first big vein to be developed in Ontario was the Alice A mine, located in the St. Joe river district. It is of a schistose formation from 300 to 800 feet in width. On the vein there are nine shafts and two cross cuts with a varying depth of from 3 to 90 feet. Assays taken, 45 in number, from these workings, gave returns of from \$3.00 to as high as \$50 to the ton in free milling gold, the average being \$20.35 per ton. Actual mill runs, however, gave from \$10.80 per ton upwards. The property is now idle pending sale to an English syndicate with ample means at their disposal to make the mine a big producer of gold.

Another big proposition is the Scramble mine, near Rat Portage, soon to be under active development again. The property is another big banded schistose formation, 300 or more feet wide, carrying values of from \$3 to \$5, with streaks of rich ore that have assayed as high as \$300 to the ton. A great deal of development work has been done on this big mine. It is very probable, however, that none of the stock of this company will reach the hands of Canadians or Americans as it is being placed in England and on the Continent. It is understood that the property, which possesses ample water power of its own, is to be equipped with a mill of several hundred stamps, and operations carried on in an extensive way.

The Hammond Reef gold mine is another promising proposition situated in the Saw Bill district, south of the Canadian Pacific Railway station of Bonheur. The ore is said to be quartzite with a width of from 300 to 700 feet. The original workings consisted of an open cut of about 30 feet wide. Ore taken from this cut and put through the 10-stamp mill first erected on the mine, gave 3.75 per ton on the plates, with a concentrate of about the same value. The mill is now enlarged to 40 stamps. As originally worked the mine was simply a quarry. The mill runs, while entirely satisfactory, being from surface ore, naturally were not of so high a value, because all experience in Ontario shows that values invariably increase with depth of working. Recent advices show that this rule holds good with regard to the Hammond Reef mine. A shaft was sunk in the quarry this winter which is now down 40 feet, making a total depth above 70 feet from the surface. Ore taken from the bottom of the shaft averaged, from assays, \$13 to the ton free milling gold. This result must not only be most gratifying to the company owning that property, but it also must be encouraging to the development of the

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THE ATTRACTIONS MUCH APPRECIATED
A GAY SCENE TAKEN
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The following includes all those who attended the carnival in fancy dress: Ladies—C. Roland, Turkish Lady; Mrs. A. R. Holland, Daughter of the Regiment; Mrs. John Neale, Queen of Liberty; Mrs. W. H. Burrage, Joan of Arc; Miss M. Konk, skirt dancer; Mrs. E. Bellefonte, Spanish dancing girl; Miss A. Highbee, May Queen of Scots; Mrs. Wm. Gadsner, Gipsy Queen; Miss Dunn, Follow-the-drum; Miss B. Yates, Evergreen; Miss E. A. Yates, Blue Minion; Miss M. J. Leblanc, nurse; Mrs. E. R. Godwin, music; Miss E. F. Ritchie, Japanese; Miss B. W. Ritchie, Highland Lassie; Miss E. D. Ronge et Noir; Miss M. H., snowshoe girl; Miss N. McKinnon, Highland Lassie; Miss A. B. Young, Sister Constance; Miss M. Lameau, Highland Mary; Miss M. Young, toboggan girl; Miss M. McLaughlin, Canada; Mrs. R. W. Ferrier, Greek lady; Mrs. W. R. Wilson, Flight of time; Misses Baker, Cragganore and Oba Coquette; three witches of Macbeth.

Girls under 10— Irene Hudson, Starlight Boss, a Gipsy girl; Edna Highbee, morning star; Jane Mather, student; Myrtle McCannen, May queen; Eva Mitchell, Fandangle; Ethel Midgley, Lena Duncan, pink fairy; Fanky Marshall, Red Cross nurse; Kate Chapman, Scotch Lassie; Janet, Blondin Dorais, lady of the 19th century; Maude Galighan, night; Edna Wood, flower girl; Mildred Rothschild, Union Jack; Josie Jefferson, sunmet; Minota Mitchell, Donkabout; Fannie McJohn, summer girl; Gertrude Buckley, summer girl; Ethel Lightfoot, Flying-Brat.

Girls under 10 years— Mamie Coate, Queen of Hearts; Alice Baker, Pickanniny; Negro wench; Marian Mitchell, Highland Lassie.

Men—A. G. Plunkett, soldier of the Queen; W. Griffith, chief of police; A. Island, policeman; R. Howard, Irish policeman; A. B. Holland, civil officer; C. Hilliard, duke; H. Nell, cowboy; T. M. Hyndman, student; G. Bolton, Uncle Sam; F. Schneider, British flag; J. McPhail, Duke Brownie; P. McRitchie, Egyptian; T. Bolyea, man-of-war's man; J. Lightfoot, clown; W. Johnson, college student; A. McPhail, jockey; F. R. Godwin, Jack in a box; C. E. Chapman, snowshoe; P. Williams, canary; C. C. Clark, roughrider; W. Richards, bulldog; J. A. Jack, Sir Knight; J. W. Nunn, belle of the town; T. Hayes, Santa Claus; C. H. Carpenter, cobbler; R. W. Ferrier, gentleman of the 18th century; T. Hanson, home pride; Dr. Liddell, Robinhood.

Boys under 10 years— Jim Abbott, coon duder; Johnny Holland, Butler's scout; S. Scovill, Topsy; Percy Sherrington, Turk; Willie Mather, belle of Coon Town; R. F. Mather, students; Robbie Rodgers, soldier of the Queen; A. S. Nicholson, Scotch shepherd; Campton Brydon, newsboy; Harry Hall, King George's bodyguard; John Martin, cowboy; Charlie Bann, and

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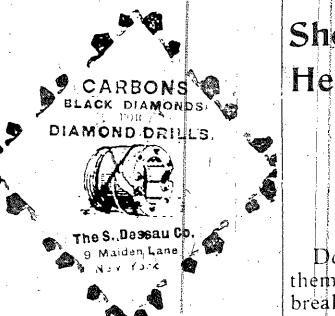
Actual experience is demonstrating the truth of this observation all over these great gold fields where money, brawn and brain have made a joint effort, as is notably the case with the Alice A. Hammond Reef, Seaman and the Homestake mines.

In several cases, notably as to the Triggs, Olive, Glass, Virginia, Gold Painter, Swede Boys of the Manitou and the Sirdar mines, what were originally supposed to be small rich veins,

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The Homestake of Ontario gold mine is another great low gold mining proposition that soon will be known

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men's clothing. It might be in order here to say that the young ladies only had two nights of practice, so that they deserve great credit. They were instructed by Capt. D. T. Ferguson. The costumes of the soldier were the regulation fatigue cap, red jacket trimmed with black braid, and a slightly abbreviated black skirt. The sweet sixteen was made up of the following ladies: Misses Gertie Scovil, N. Williamson, J. McGimie, A. Johnson, J. Burrage, N. Cameron, M. Baker, N. Gallighan, N. Hansen, L. Moore, M. Creighton, L. Campbell, and Mrs. H. Wright.

The Yerman band came out and rendered that classic "Vive do mine little dog went" with "variations." Some of the boys were evidently suffering from adiposity. But they seemed to be cheerful about it—that is, it was cheerful about them. The band was composed of the following members: Leader Herr, Viereckigkopf, Zweibier, Pfeifzresser, Dinklespitz, Geegginheimer, Schlitz, Anheuser, Busch, Sauerkraut, Blumenkranz and Bockfischer.

Then came the noble red. We refer to the powwow, in which several pale faces were coppered and painted in most approved style. The crowd of braves dashed upon the ice and with blood-curdling yell began their pow-wow. The tom-tom suffered, but the participants evidently found it somewhat difficult to do the genuine step on skates, as several of the big "Indians" were prone to become entangled in their blankets and lay on the ice. It would appear that the young men taking part had seen, or read closely regarding the pow-wow, as practised by the aborigines and gave as true an imitation as could be given on skates. The fact that the costumes were in such variety, both in color and composition, made the evolution seem unique. Then came the awarding of prizes. Among those for which no prize was given we think that of Mrs. Godwin was very original and appropriate. Another one was that of Miss Eunice Yates, representing The Miner. The costume was something new and "design" of the "faces" original and attractive. The "appearance" of the "paper" never shone to a better advantage than on this occasion and as it glided over the ice its "circulation" was good. The "press" and work was a credit to any artistic press man and all the printers in town are jealous of the splendid "make-up" and wishing they were "holding" machines. Then the "quill" in the neat "Cap" spelling Miner, could not be better inspired than from the charming "head" of its wearer. This "type" would certainly make delicious "pi."

The prizes awarded were as follows: Men 8-18: 1st, Dr. Laddiw, as Robin Hood; 2nd, W. Ferrier, Gent of 16th Century; 3rd, P. Williams, Canary Comic, Jno. McPhail, Dada Brownie. Boys under 16: 1st, H. Hall, King George's Body Guard; 2nd, W. Mitchell, Indian hunter; 3rd, A. McKinney, country comic, mother. Boys under 10-1st, L. Cameron, Lord Roberts; 2nd, Bertie Gunne, Prince Charming; 3rd, Geo. Denry, N. A. Indian, best clown, Jas. Lightfoot, Ladies 1st, Mrs. R. W. Wilson, Flight of Time; 2nd, Miss Burrage, Joan of Arc; 3rd, M. E. Ritchie, Japanese comic, Miss Whitehead, Grey and McGillivray, witches. Girls under 10: 1st, Myrtle McCann, Queen; 2nd, Blondin Dora, lady of 19th century; 3rd, Kate Chapman, Scotch Lassie Jane; comic, M. Mitchell, Donkhouboor. Girls under 10-1st, Marian Mitchell, town; T. Hayes, Santa Claus; C. H. Gentleman, courtier; R. W. Ferrier, gentleman of the 16th century; T. Hansen, home rule; Dr. Laddiw, Robinhood. Boys under 10 years—Jim Abbott, clown; Johnny Holland, Biller's son; S. Scovil, Topsy; Percy Sherrington, Turk; Willie Mather, belle of Coon Town; R. F. Mather, student; Robbie Rodgers, soldier of the Queen; A. S. Nicholson, Scotch shepherd; Campton Brydon, newsboy; Harry Hall, King George's bodyguard; John Martin, cowboy; Charlie Bunn and Harry Parsons, Yellow Kids; Earl Christian, innumerable stars; Hughie H. Hughes, acrobats; W. Mitchell, Indian hunter; Hugh McKinney, country Jim Holland, tin of baking powder; Percy Campbell, Punchinello; F. Latif, the luckiest clown.

Boys under 10 years—Bruce McKenzie, Indian hunter; Roxy Beaudre, hockey player; Betty Gunne, Pulice Charming; John Eagen, freeman; Lorn Cameron, Lord Roberts; Henry McGarrett, courtier of Henry the VIII; George Denry, N. A. Indian; John Robertson, drummer; Lewis Dorais, Poor Joe; Willie Clark, Peck's Bad Boy; John Hooper, young student; Jas. Hooper, hockeycarrier; Percy Wilson, old-fashioned sunflower; Ruby Wilson, Queen's Own.

Hammond Reef.

A meeting of the Hammond Reef Mining Company was held in Toronto last Thursday to receive an important report from Mr. A. E. Hogue, the mining engineer. Mr. Hogue was satisfied with the mill tests and strongly recommends the system of mining by quarrying, which is that followed by the management. Regarding the 40 stamp mill, he says it is well designed and substantially erected, and will doubtless give good satisfaction. He also recommends the addition of a second and more powerful rock crusher, which, he says, will increase the capacity of the stamps 15 per cent.

A Military Company for Rat Portage.

A movement is on foot to organize a military company in Rat Portage. A large number have signed their intention of joining. We have a trio of military men here in the persons of Capt. D. T. Ferguson, Dr. Schmitt and G. A. Kobold, besides whom there are a number of others who have either had experience in militia or active service. It is the intention to secure authorization by the government for the establishment of a battalion in this district, and if possible, a military band. This move is a good one, and if it does no more than provide a diversion for our young men it will be of benefit, but it will be beneficial in the fact that the training has a good effect physically, and discipline has a good effect morally and should make men better in their social relations. Then again, while it is improbable that Canada will ever need many soldiers for defense it is well to be prepared. It is well to be so prepared that when attacked by an enemy such a crushing defeat will be administered him at the outset that the war will be ended almost as soon as it began. Therefore it is to be hoped that the movement for the organization of a military battalion in this district will meet with success, and it is quite evident from the present spirit and enterprise manifested in connection with the matter that it will be.

The Thalia club met at Mrs. Gunne's last Monday evening and spent a most pleasant time.

THE BRITISH ARMY

Interesting Information Regarding Its Strength and Formation.

A LARGE FORCE KEPT IN INDIA

THE TOTAL FORCE AVAILABLE FOR HOME DEFENCE AMOUNTS TO 600,000 MEN.

The following information is compiled by the New York Tribune: A regiment is composed of two regular battalions, two of militia, and from two to five of volunteers. The only exception is in the case of the Cameron Highlanders, who have only one regular battalion. The peace strength of a battalion is about 800 men, with a full complement of officers for 10 companies. To raise it to its war strength of 1,000 men and to repair the losses of war, it is reinforced by drafts from the other battalion on the home station. The militia battalions are about the same strength, but the volunteer battalions range from 900, up to 2,250, strong in the case of one battalion in the west of England. Thus a regiment may comprise from 5,000 to 10,000 men, but the militia and volunteer battalions are available only for home defense, and half of the regular army being perpetually on foreign service, there remains only one battalion of each regiment available for an emergency call, such as the present Boer war. The battalion may be very weak from having sent drafts to its sister battalion abroad, and it is further weakened by the weeding out of recruits of less than one year's service, and weaklings who are not considered able to stand a foreign climate. These are all left behind at the depot, and the battalion is raised to its full strength of 1,000 men by taking men from the army reserve. The regular army is 180,000 strong, but only one-half of it is kept in the United Kingdom, 74,000 men being kept permanently in India and the remainder in the colonies and dependencies.

The army reserve is composed of men who have enlisted for 12 years and have served six with the colors. Then they retire into private life on a retaining fee of sixpence per day, and are obliged to return to the colors for service whenever called upon. When called out they receive the regular pay

government provides the arms and accoutrements, and the regiment provides its armor and drill grounds. The expenses of the officers are so heavy that only rich men can hold commissions. Most of them are appointed provisionally, and can be removed and replaced by retiring officers of the regular army, should the regiment be called out for service. Each battalion has a permanent staff of adjutant, sergeant-major, and drill instructors from the regular army, and the most rigid discipline is maintained.

Should a volunteer or a militiaman wish to enlist for active service, he is simply transferred to one of the regular battalions of his own regiment, the uniform being the same in all. Many volunteer battalions have offered their services to the government in war times, either for duty in the field, or to relieve regular troops in garrisons abroad, but the offer has always been coldly declined. The volunteer force comprises 104,000 men, and with a little encouragement from the military authorities could easily be doubled. Besides all these there is another body of which no account is ever taken, the Royal Irish Constabulary. It is armed, equipped and drilled precisely the same as regular troops, comprises cavalry, artillery and infantry, and is in effect, a little army doing peace duty. It is 15,000 strong, and is also available for home defense, bringing up the total home establishment to nearly 600,000 men.

The Indian establishment consists of 73,000 British and 114,000 native troops, 10,000 native army reserves, and 20,000 Imperial service troops, all of them available for service in any part of the world. The proportion between British and native troops is fixed by law, as a result of the Indian mutiny, at 1 to 2. This army is not nearly strong enough to maintain order among a population of nearly 300,000,000, and the native army cannot be increased without increasing the British forces in proportion, which is out of the question. The difficulty was got around by forming a new army, 180,000 strong, under the guise of an armed police force. It is composed of men drawn from the northern tribes, the very pick of the population of India, and is, on the whole, a better fighting machine than the native Indian army, recruited as it is in part from the southern provinces, the natives of which make inferior soldiers. The armies maintained by the Indian princes aggregate 355,000 men, including 50,000 cavalry and 2,000 guns, and these armies have time and again been offered to the British government for service, in any part of the world. From prudential motives the British government has always refused the offer, but to please the princes agreed to accept 20,000 men as imperial service troops. These men are trained by

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encies there is a heterogeneous collection of troops numbering a trifle over 30,000. They comprise all races, black, white, brown and yellow. Some of these are under the control of the colonial office, some of the foreign of a few of the war department, and the remainder of chartered companies. For the recent expedition to the Niger region the troops were contributed by the Niger coast protectorate, the Royal Niger Company, and the war department, while the navy provided the gunners. The war office is now considering a scheme for the consolidation of all these forces. The chief defensive force of the empire is the navy, which is manned by 76,000 seamen and 18,000 marines. Behind this is a naval reserve of 10,000 sailors and fishermen who undergo an annual training. The law provides for conscription for the militia, whenever it falls below a certain strength, but the occasion has never arisen to necessitate the enforcement of the law.

Canada and its Militia.

Toronto World: The time is drawing near, if it has not already arrived, for Canada to assume responsibility for the appointment of the commander of the Canadian militia officially known as the General Officer Commanding. Our experience with the system of having this official appointed by the British government has been anything but satisfactory. Canada has as good material for generalship as the mother country. We believe we will develop more rapidly from a military point of view if we are placed altogether on our own resources than if we servilely follow British models and British ideas. We can say with out boasting that Canada is away ahead of Great Britain in many particulars. For one thing we are quicker to take up new ideas. In our business instincts we are more Yankee than British. For a people of six millions we are, perhaps, as progressive as any country in the world. During the past 20 years we have become a manufacturing people and in electrical and some other kinds of machinery we rank with the best in the world.

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The volunteers occupy very much the same position in Britain that the militia do in the United States, except that they receive no pay whatever. The regiment draws a capitulation grant from the government for each man who renders himself efficient each year but the grant is barely sufficient to pay for the uniforms. Any man who does not qualify for the grant has to take it out of his own pocket, upon pain of being taken before the magistrate and being sent to jail. The

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The Elder, Dempster liner Prab, which has arrived at the Cape from the River Plate, succeeded in landing all her horses in good condition.

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our boasting that Canada is away ahead of Great Britain in many particulars. For one thing we are quicker to take up new ideas. In our business instincts we are more Yankee than British. For a people of six millions we are, perhaps, as progressive as any country in the world. During the past 20 years we have become a manufacturing people and in electrical and some other kinds of machinery we are right up to date, more so than Great Britain itself. Recent experiences in the South African war have disclosed the fact that the British generals do not know it all. A little independent rivalry between the forces at home and those in the colonies would do no harm to the Imperial army. Canada has proved her capacity to take care of herself under all conditions which have arisen up to date. There need be no misgiving as to her ability to manage her military affairs without the intervention of a general from the mother country. We take this view, not because of any prejudice against English military men, but because we believe we would make greater progress if we are left to ourselves and are compelled to assume full responsibility for our efficiency as a military nation.

The Imperial Yeomanry.

Messrs. Elder, Dempster, Limited, have chartered three of their great fleet to convey Imperial Yeomanry, and, as far as present indications go, the embarkations will take place at Liverpool. The three boats in question are the steamers Lake Erie which has just arrived in the Mersey from the builders: Montreal and Mount Royal, and they have been surveyed by the Imperial Yeomanry surveyor, and have come through the ordeal with flying colors. They are all first class boats indeed, it would have been impossible to obtain vessels better adapted for the carriage of horses. The Lake Erie in particular is a splendid cavalry carrier. Her high 'tween decks and shelter decks admirably meet the requirements of the service for which the vessel has been chartered. Mr. A. L. Jones, the principal of

Messrs. Elder, Dempster, Limited, who has done so much by gratuitous extras to add to the comfort and enjoyment of the soldiers who have sailed to the Cape on one or other of the vessels chartered to the government by this firm, is personally interesting himself in the matter of fitting out, provisioning, etc., of the ships which are engaged to carry the Imperial Yeomanry. It is, therefore, needless to say that everything possible which can conduce to the pleasure and happiness of the Yeomanry whilst on the water will be provided.

The Elder, Dempster liner Prab, which has arrived at the Cape from the River Plate, succeeded in landing all her horses in good condition.

The Montfort, Elder, Dempster

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BRITAIN'S TURN.

The news of Lord Roberts' successful campaign against Commandant Cronje has brought relief to the whole empire and has created a feeling that the end of the war is in sight. This is probably too much to expect, and it is well to avoid being cast down by bad news or over-estimated by good news. The end of the war may be delayed for many months, for the enemy is well armed and the march to Pretoria by the British will be strongly opposed, as the enemy will desire to hold out in order to give Dr. Leyds time to induce some of the European powers to intervene, and thus be enabled to make better terms.

Trains to War Road.

Mr. Dan Hyland was in town this week from War Road. He reports that matters are progressing in a satisfactory manner on his contract for grading on the Ontario Rainy River Railway. The rails are now laid into War Road, so that they now have two trains a week over the line to Winnipeg. War Road will doubtless be a busy place next season.

Ideal Christian Daily.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," has been given an unfeathered opportunity to publish for six issues his "Ideal Christian Daily." On March 13 he will assume the entire editorial and business control of the Topeka Capital, one of the largest dailies in Kansas. Mr. Sheldon has set the price at 25¢ for the week, and has offered the W.C.T.U. all over the world a handsome commission on all subscriptions sent in by the 5th of March.

The local society of Rat Portage should secure at least 500 subscribers, as so many are anxious to see for themselves the result of this test case in journalism. To aid them in this the following business houses have kindly consented to receive subscriptions: Smith's book store, Mason & Risch's music store, Johnson's pharmacy, Wood's pharmacy.

FALLEN HEROES.

The horrors of war have been brought home to a number of Canadian families this week. The great heart of the Dominion will sympathize with the bereaved ones, but yet it will be mingled with feelings of pride that Canadians have fallen in the defence of the world-wide empire that guarantees our liberty. The Canadian contingent has had the opportunity of showing to the empire and the world that the branch of the Anglo-Saxon family which occupies the northern half of America is strong and brave, and willing to sacrifice its best blood in preserving the empire's integrity. We know that they fought bravely, and their friends will have the consolation that their memory will be enshrined in the hearts of the people of Canada who will not neglect to pay grateful tribute to them as the years go by.

With the Mining Public

The idea that numerous small strings of ore will lead to large bodies of mineral is not always sustained by development of the strings, though such condition is not uncommonly found to obtain. The Bimetallic shaft near Phillipsburg, Montana, was sunk in a marshy spot in the granite. At this place there were a number of small iron-stained veins, which were recognized as an extension of the Granite Mountain vein. At a depth of 65 feet a rich vein of ore opened several feet wide, and this shoot produced millions of dollars.

The London Daily Mail now proclaims its issue simultaneously in London and Manchester; this feat being

**CRONJE
SURROUNDED**

 By Troops Under Lord Roberts
in the Modder River
Valley.

Reports received this morning state that the Free State troops, under Gen. Cronje have been surrounded in the valley of the Modder River and are being shelled by the British. The Free State commandant asked for an armistice but Lord Roberts replied: "You must surrender unconditionally or fight to a finish." News will be awaited anxiously for the result of this struggle.

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BIG VEINS PAY BIG.

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the world over. It is located 19 miles from Rat Portage, on the main portion of the Lake of the Woods, and the largest steam is can land on the side of the big ore body nearly a mile long, and from 400 to 600 feet wide. Competent authority asserts that it is the largest single deposit of pure quartz ever found in any land. Five test pits, from 3 to 16 feet deep, were put down on the property, and from all of them ore can be taken at any spot that pans here. Assays of from \$5.40 to \$8.95 in fine milling gold have been obtained from surface ore, besides containing in places good values in silver, lead and copper. The property has unexpected advantages for operating in the way of water, cheap labor, cheap fuel and accessibility, to say nothing of the fact that electrical power at a nominal cost is available. In fact, the saving in the cost of fuel and water alone, as compared with the amount expended for the same purposes by the Homestake, of South Dakota, will make a good income for the Homestake of Ontario mine. This great property is now under the control of St. Paul, Minneapolis, New York and Rat Portage people, most of whom at an early day saw the immense possibilities of the mine and seized the opportunity at once. It has a capitalization of only \$1,250,000, in \$1 shares, while the Alaska-Treadwell is capitalized for \$8,000,000, which now commands a premium, and the Homestake of South Dakota is capitalized for \$21,000,000, par value of shares \$100, now quoted at \$71, and none on the market. Inasmuch as the Ontario mine has superior advantages in the way of water, in operating and higher surface values, there is no reason why the latter should not be worth more to investors than either of the above named big dividend payers in the near future.

That low-grade gold mines pay big dividends is well established. The Homestake of South Dakota, being higher grade, from \$3 to \$4 per ton, pays especially well. The Alaska mines, while lower grade, are worked at a profit averaging about 52 cents per ton, as the following table will show, and it may be well to note here that the Alaska Treadwell is capitalized for \$5,000,000, shares par value \$25, and that they are now selling for \$35.

ALASKA TREADWELL

Tons	Treated	Bullion	Value	Cost
July 31, 1875	8,424,000	\$1.69	\$8,950	
Aug 5, 1876	1,537,500	2.60	\$3,950	
Sept 5, 1876	11,530,000	2.00	\$2,000	
Oct 5, 1876	107,037	1.83	\$180	
	220,665 av	\$103.856	\$2,030	

ALASKA MEXICAN

Tons	Treated	Bullion	Value	Cost
June 13, 1872	\$ 21,894	\$1.51	\$31,40	
July 11, 1878	1,051,2	1.16	1,214	
Oct 12, 1881	27,330	2.12	57,81	
Nov 11, 1881	2,730	1.67	4,571	
	51,627 av	\$92,023	\$1,690	\$1,635

ALASKA UNITED

Tons	Treated	Bullion	Value	Cost
June 25, 1878	\$ 18,003	\$1.00	\$1,807	

seems to be the limit of ambition in Canada. The Alaska-Treadwell operates 600 stamps, the Alaska-Mexican 240, the Alaska G. M. Co. 220, the Homestake and Highland of South Dakota 840 stamps. To all of these mines more stamps are to be added as development proceeds. As showing what can be accomplished with plants such as the above, we append the following table:

Mine	Capital	Par	Value per share	Present quotation
Alaska-Mexican	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 5	\$ 5.50	
Alaska-Treadwell	3,000,000	25	\$3.50	
Homestake	21,000,000	100	\$100	
Highland	10,000,000	100	\$100	
	Total	Paid in dividends.	Average value per month.	Value per ton.
			first five months.	per ton.
			1899.	
Alaska-Mexican	\$ 331,031		\$36,000	\$21.31
Alaska-Treadwell	4,070,000		150,000	15.31
Homestake	7,556,250		357,500	45.25
Highland	3,921,718		110,000	3.30

"We have dealt with only four of the five mines quoted, as we could not get full returns for the Alaska United G. M. Co.; but as an instance of what it can do, with an ore averaging \$3.96 per ton, the last published returns for a forty-three days' run shows a net profit, after paying all expenses, of \$23,412.

"For the month of June the Alaska-Treadwell mine, working with an ore that averaged only \$1.63 per ton, crushed 66,098 tons and a net profit of \$7,503 was shown.

The capitals of all these companies are large, and we do not know at what price per share they were put upon the market; but all of them still hold treasury stock, every share of which can be sold at a premium. The Alaska-Treadwell, Homestake, and Highland have paid more in dividends than they originally cost, and, in addition, have not only an enormous development, with hundreds of thousands of tons blocked out, but the huge plants are paid for.

"There are many of these low-grade ores offering better inducements to the investor than those of either Alaska or South Dakota, and we trust, for the benefit of the country, that they will not in the future be so studiously disregarded."

Card of Thanks.

The Hospital Ladies' Aid desire to thank all those who assisted in making the carnival last Friday evening such a decided success. The Citizen's band, which gave its services free, has the special thanks of the committee, for the generous action.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Lachet's Icino Quinine Tablets. All druggists will supply the box if it fails to cure 25¢. 4 W. Gray's Avenue on each box.

H. McPherson, of Kingston, former representative of the Ontario Power works here, was in town for a few days this week on his way to Nelson, B.C. He will take charge of the new factory being opened there by his company. The capacity of the new works will be 300 cases per day.

The second annual anniversary of Golden City Lodge, A.O.F., was celebrated by a very pleasant at home in the Odd Fellows' hall last Monday evening. The Lodge has a membership of 250, and a large number of friends and relatives were present.

Ontario Gold Fields.

 Homestake Gold
Mining Co. of Ontario, Limited.

is organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota

Capital Stock \$1,250,000

divided into 1,250,000 shares of \$1.00 each fully paid and non-assessable.

750,000 Shares in the Treasury.

The head office is in St. Paul, Minn., and the board of directors are well known St. Paul and Rat Portage, Ont., men. The secretary and treasurer are placed under proper bonds, which are to be increased as the necessity requires, all under the management of the board of directors.

This Company owns two rich mineral claims in the Lake of the Woods country, Ontario, amounting to over 100 acres. The vein is conceded to be the largest body of free-milling ore ever discovered in any land, its width is from 400 to 600 feet and its length over one mile.

The value of this great deposit is from \$7.50 to \$8.95 per ton while the cost of treatment, including mining, should not exceed \$1.50 per ton, as we are able to simply quarry it out.

The great Homestake of South Dakota, with values never exceeding \$5.00 per ton, has paid \$8,468,750 in dividends. We will do the same.

The original owners of this great property take stock in the Company for the property, and their shares when issued are to be placed in the hands of a reliable trust company, to be held by such trust company until this Company has secured a mining and milling plant of 250 tons daily capacity.

A HUNDRED STAMP MILL on this great deposit will earn from 25 to 40 per cent annually on the par value of the shares, which means from \$200 to 400 per cent to the investor who buys now at ten cents per share. We take any clinched bid, invest in

competent engineers in the expenditure of our funds.

We can quarry out 10,000 tons of this ore and have it treated at the public reduction works as soon as navigation opens, and by this means we can earn enough to buy our own mill, and for this purpose we are now selling ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND SHARES of treasury stock at ten cents per share cash on the following terms: Two cents per share cash down and 1 cent per share per month until paid. This offer subject to adaption without notice.

No certificates will be issued for a less amount than 500 shares.

We do not expect to be very long in disposing of this issue owing to the very low price at which it is selling. Don't wait too long but send in your order at once if you want any of these shares. If you have any money to invest place it with home people and buy SHARES that entitles you to an interest in the property owned by a good, reliable company.

Our shares are non-assessable and every share entitles the holder to an interest in the property.

The board of directors who manage the affairs of this Company are as follows:

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C. D. Pruden, president; Fred J. Bowman, Secretary, and Ronald Stewart, Treasurer. Don't take any clinched bid, invest in

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The London Daily Mail now produces its issue simultaneously in London and Manchester; this feat being made possible by means of five special telegraph wires between the offices. This is a stroke of enterprise which has not yet been attempted by the big papers of the United States, and shows that all the push of the world is not on this side of the Atlantic.

The appointment by the council of Mr. T. R. Deacon as acting mayor for the year in the absence of Mayor McCarthy has met with the approval of the citizens. Should Mayor McCarthy be absent at any time during the year we believe the affairs of the town will be ably managed by Mr. Deacon, for they will receive the careful attention of a man used to business in a large way.

A Military Number.

The March number of the Canadian Magazine will be a special military number with colored military cover, the design of which shows the Canadian Mounted Rifles parading on a Canadian street. The organization of the second contingent and the embarkation will be described by two writers, and each of the articles will be illustrated with a number of photographs which have been taken especially for this purpose. Mr. J. Castell Hopkins writes the opening article in which he gives the history of British policy in South Africa during the present century. Malcolm Ross, a member of the artillery brigade in the second contingent, has an excellent article entitled "Types of Artillery." C. A. Matthews writes a short biographical sketch of the minister of militia. The publishers announce that this will be the first number of the Canadian Magazine they have ever turned out and will be the superior in many ways to their Christmas number which won them so much praise. The Canadian Magazine is so exceptionally well printed that no person who may conceive great expectations with regard to this military number can possibly be disappointed.

Red Cross Society.

A meeting of a number of ladies of Rat Portage was held in the Presbyterian church on Monday afternoon, Feb. 19th, for the purpose of forming a branch of the Red Cross Society. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Pither; vice-president, Mrs. D. C. Cameron; secretary, Mrs. W. Boston Towers; corresponding secretary, Mrs. P. H. Clark; treasurer, Mrs. Aylesworth; committee, McNamee, Robinson, Brydine, Carmichael, Moore, McKay, Farquhar, McGehee, Langford, W. J. Chapman and Murphy.

After these preliminaries had been completed for the formation of the society it was decided to hold another meeting at the town hall on the 21st inst.

The Girls' card club met at Miss Mather's, Thursday night.

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As a general principle in concentrating ores very fine crushing should be avoided in all cases, as the sliming of ores, which is an inevitable result of such fine crushing, renders it more difficult if not impossible to collect the finely divided material. In ores in which the mineral occurs in finely disseminated particles the ore may be granulated to a condition which will admit of a partial concentration by jigging with relatively small loss, as compared with the results of concentrating the same material after having been reduced to slimes by over stamping.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Receipts and Disbursements for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1899:

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Balance forward	\$ 53.24		
Grants—			
Ontario government	\$20.00		
Town of Rat Portage	10.00		
	40.00		
Subscriptions—	107.35		
Set of books	1.75		
Papers, etc.	1.50		
	12.25		
Bank of Ottawa advance	650.00		
	812.25		

SPEICIAL EXP. INT.	
Books	\$17.50
Papers and Magazines	72.50
Furniture and fittings	3.30
Expenses—	
Light	5.00
Gas	2.50
Salaries	66.00
Printing	20.00
Insurance	10.00
Interest	11.00
Sundries	3.75
	218.80
Bank of Ottawa repaid	900.00
	1,172.50
Balance in bank	50.25
	\$1,222.84

I have audited the books for the year ending 31st December, 1899, and find same correct and in accordance with this statement. [Signed] D. A. PENDER, Auditor.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.	
ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Books	
Balance	\$1,267.37
Furniture and fixtures	
Rentance	110.65
Cash	
In bank	50.25
	\$1,367.67

LIABILITIES.	
Bank of Ottawa	350.00
Bills payable	
Rent	90.00
Six months	
	\$440.00
[Signed]	
J. L. NEILSON, President.	
W. F. A. THIBAudeau, Secretary.	

The Treasure Mine.

Capt. Geo. M. Tenant was in town from the Treasure mine this week, and reports successful operations going on at that property. They are now down over 35 feet and the vein continues to widen in particularly rich quartz. There is quite a lot of visible gold in evidence. Mr. Tenant shows a couple of splendid little nuggets about the size of a large pea, and is confident of the richness of the property. The vein at the top was only about a foot wide, but is now three feet and the indications point to a continual widen-

ing.

Tons	Treated	Bullion	Value	Cost
June 13, 1898	\$ 20,391	\$1.51	\$1.49	
July 14, 1898	20,512	1.46	1.34	
Oct. 12, 1898	27,339	2.12	1.47	
Nov. 14, 1898	23,791	1.67	1.33	
	54,625	\$ 92,033	\$1.69	\$1.43

ALASKA UNITED.

Tons	Treated	Bullion	Value	Cost
June 25, 1898	\$ 18,003	\$1.90	\$1.67	
Oct. 24, 1898	50,564	2.40	1.50	
Nov. 21, 1898	34,615	2.50	1.44	
	71,349	\$162,182	\$2.26	\$1.64

Total and General Average—

355,969 872,471 \$2.03 \$1.51

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R. Frances returned Monday from his eastern trip, looking hearty and bright after his contact with the outer world.

W. P. Margetson, of the Northwest Provision Company, of Winnipeg, is in town on business in connection with his company, and also to attend the annual meeting of the Rat Portage Cold Storage and Produce Company Limited.

A grand concert and entertainment will be given by the pupils of the Sisters in the opera house on Monday, the 26th inst. Mrs. Sirdarson and Mrs. R. Rogers have kindly offered their services. All are cordially invited.

The choir of Notre Dame church has recently been strengthened by the addition of several ladies, among whom are Mrs. Dr. McDonnell, Mrs. Walsh, Miss Corwin and Mrs. Robinson. The choir is preparing some good music for Easter. The mass will be Peter's in D.

Two well-known Rat Portagers, one needless to say, a Scot, the other an Englishman, were discussing the war the other day. The Scotman was very much excited over the slaughter of his brethren at Magersfontein and said, "It is not terrible, 800 Highlanders killed; could you imagine anything worse than that?" "Yes," said the Englishman, "Why, man! what could be worse?" "Eight hundred Englishmen," was the laconic reply.

A parlor concert will be held Tuesday evening next at the residence of Mrs. G. P. Phillips under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of St. Albans. Mr. Herbert Carpenter has the programme in hand which is a guarantee of its excellence.

What about our annual dog races? Is anybody moving in the matter?

The C.P.R. has closed a contract with the Electric Light Co. for lighting the new station, round houses and other buildings on a meter basis.

James Weidman, secretary-treasurer of the Rainy River Gold Mining Company, returned Monday from a trip to Toronto in connection with the company's business. While there a meeting of the directors was held at which Mr. L. A. Morrison presented his resignation as managing director of the company, which was accepted. The affairs of the company will in future be conducted by the three directors in Rat Portage acting as an executive committee, which will manage the company's business in the district, directing operations upon the different properties as considered advisable from time to time to time. An executive in Toronto will look after the affairs of the company in the east.

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TOWN CHIMNEY SWEEP Cabbage

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Fish, Fish.

Tom Cods, Smelts, Fresh Mackerel, Lake Superior Trout and Herring, White Fish, Finnan Haddies, etc., etc.

Jas. Gibson's

Cor. Matheson & Fort Sts.

Rinsing the Hair.

Many women who shampoo their own hair spoil it by insufficient rinsing. Gallons of water should be used, as it is important to rid the hair of every particle of soap.

You might as well expect one wave of the sea to be precisely the same as the next wave of the sea as to expect that there would be no change of circumstances.

When your birds have bowel disease, change the food for a few days and at the same time change the grit. "Swelled head," or excessive self-assurance is often, according to Dr. Campbell, in the British Medical Journal, a symptom of the incipient stage of general paralysis.

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The man in southern Arkansas who traded his wife for a jackknife may or may not have wanted something he could shut up—Kansas City Star.

A large consignment of

Worsted, Serges and Tweed Suitings

all 1000 patterns SEE THEM

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Buyer
and Seller

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Pharmacy

A Little Bark.

The following poem was written in 1891 by the late Hugh Hughes, for the Winnipeg Sittings, and is reprinted below for the benefit of friends who have requested copies of the poem:

A little bark went sailing,

A-sailing over the sea,

That rolls away from our shores

To the great eternity,

On that sea was dark, was an awful

dead

And the black clouds draped it

over,

And never a light or a gleam of hope

Broke through from the further

shore.

It was launched when it went sailing

A-sailing over the sea,

From loving hearts that would hold

it back

From that strange eternity,

But it slipped the golden cable,

With which we hold wrapped it

round

And was tossed away like a speck of

spray

For that distant harbor bound.

But, oh! when the bark came sailing

A-sailing over the sea,

There stood a friend to welcome it

To the shores of eternity,

And that little bark was lifted

From that dark and fearsome sea

By the gentle hands of Him who

is said,

Let the little ones come to Me.

Lawyers vs. Bankers.

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first and lost the second, both games were very exciting. Last Friday night, however, the most exciting game was played. The score was 4-4, finally Bain was hurt in a rush. When he returned the clubs were lined up in front of the Winnipeg goal, and the Shamrocks, by a lucky poke, managed to get the puck through just before time was called. This is said to be about as exciting a game as has ever occurred in Montreal. The Winnipeg players will now have to wait another year, but they will have to lift the cup some day. They gave it a mighty handtug.

Winnipeg Matches.

A number of our townsmen leave tomorrow morning to see the game between our Thistle hockey team and the Victorias of Winnipeg. Our team left this morning. The Rat Portage team will be made up as follows: goal, Dulmage, point, Sam Johnson, cover, Bellefille, forwards, Fraser McGinnis, Hooper, and Phillips. Chas. Hilliard went along as spare man. The boys are going in with the intention of winning and if they do not defeat the Victorias it will not be because they haven't tried. Our roosters will help matters along. Tuesday night the team will play the Winnipegs. It is said by the boys that they won't lose another game this season so they must also defeat the Winnipegs whom they have not yet met this season. Anyway we expect Rat Portage to be a close second for the championship.

Brandons are Champions.

By defeating the Portage and Victoria teams last week the Brandon team has secured the championship in the Association for this season. Rat Portage will likely stand second and might have been first had they played the game earlier in the season that they are now putting up. However, we think if they keep up their winning streak that they will have the right to challenge Brandon for an exhibition game in Winnipeg just for satisfaction. It is our impression that Brandon did not get the championship by straight hockey, but, of course, that is a matter that can't be decided. In any event they are safe. Men who know the game say that Portage can play all around them and that Portage is a shade slower than our own Thistles. But, next year our boys will be a little heavier and just as quick, so the chances are that they will worry the team that gets the championship in the hardest way if they do not take it themselves. The hockey spirit is in the ascendancy and with the encouragement given by the town the team should show its appreciation and get into the game over their ears.

Another Accident.

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To Advertisers.

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Death of Mrs. Geo. Derry.

The many friends of the late Mrs. Geo. Derry will regret to learn of her death, which occurred on Monday evening last. The deceased lady had not been well for some months but the ailment was not considered serious until a few days before her death. She was one of the pioneer residents of Rat Portage, having come here with her husband in the early days. She leaves her husband, four sons, and one daughter to mourn her loss. The funeral took place on Thursday and was largely attended.

Lecture at Knox Church.

Wednesday night Rev. T. B. Kilpatrick, D.D., of Winnipeg, professor in Manitoba college, delivered an interesting lecture on "Africa, Its Countries and Peoples," to a large audience in the auditorium of Knox Presbyterian church. The lecturer was an easy and fluent speaker and brought out many new and pertinent points. The speech showed evidence of deep thinking and was very well handled. The choir sang a few selections and Mr. Sutherland sang "Anchored," with great spirit. Miss Little also sang a solo. This is the second of a series of lectures given under the auspices of the Bible class. Another lecture will be given some time in March by Rev. Charles Gordon, of Winnipeg. Topic will be announced later.

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WANTED - A general servant. Apply to Mr. F. R. Godwin, East Fort St.

HOUSE TO LET - Small house on Fifth street with stable. Lot has 100 feet frontage. Apply J. A. McLeod, Boarding car, C.P.R. yard, 28-18.

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TO RENT - House, containing four bedrooms, parlor, dining-room and kitchen, cellar with furnace, lately occupied by Jos. Johnson. Apply to Matt Brown.

FOR SALE - The following Organs in good order: 1 Karn Organ, 5 octaves, Canopy top, slightly used, at \$45.00; 1 Estey Organ, 5 octaves, Canopy top, slightly used, at \$40.00; 1 Clough & Warren, small size Harmonium, \$20.00; 1 Norrish & Co., Canopy top, \$45.00; also in excellent order, 1 Mendelsohn Upright Piano, 7 octaves at \$150.00. - The Mason & Risch Piano Co., Main St., Rat Portage.

INSTRUCTIONS.

SHORTHAND Class, Monday and Thursday evenings; 7 p.m., commencing Monday Jan. 13. French Classes re-open Tuesday Jan. 9. Kindergarten French Class (children under ten) commencing Saturday, Jan. 13. Private lessons in French and German, Music and English subjects.

Application by mail to

MISS FISHER, P. O.

Gus Vernot Dead.

Word was brought to town Friday night that Gus Vernot had been frozen to death near Ingolf. A search party went out and found the body on the shore of Hawk lake, about 2 miles from Corbett's camp. It lay beside the remains of a fire by which the dead man had evidently tried to warm himself. There was a bullet wound in the man's head and in his hands was grasped one of the rifles which he took with him. The muzzle was close to the wound and the indications are that he became so badly frozen that all hope of relief was gone and he decided to end his sufferings. Vernot left here on the 8th last on a prospecting and

The Big Sale

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and no wonder - never before were such Bargains
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We expect this month
to be the busiest month in
the year. This sale has
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parcels are going out daily.

If you have not been
in yet, don't delay.

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Lawyers	Bankers
Kingdon.....	Godwin.....
Bird.....	Swinford.....
Langford.....	Moore.....
McGillivray.....	Palmer.....
Draper.....	Wilkinson.....
Schnarr.....	Farwell.....
Moran.....	Bowman.....

The puck was pestle and was shot more or less, although we must confess that some of the shooting and lifting was slightly inferior to that of the Thistles. Mr. Bird played out his name to the letter. He certainly made some hot stops; Mr. Godwin's stops compared with those he missed are almost infinite. Swinford did some beautiful grand stand work and was very gentle in his checking. The star play for the lawyers was when Bird checked the atmosphere described as a "big curve" and alighted upon the person of Swinford. Swinford then made a guess that after the puck only to meet the same treatment at the hands of Draper. During the commencement of Swinford's play he scored a goal. Draper took the puck as if he should have had it for a play a game just like the Swallows. He knows how to play. Moore and Moran had more than enough fun playing checkers. Moran, however, stuck to football tactics. In a skirmish he leapt to tackle tough. His judgement was good and he broke through the line well. Van exhibited when one of the bankers was checked and it looked as if he was going to be dismembered. "Get your feet checked, old man." The fallen one replied, "Can't you see that I'm checked all over now?" "Get em cashed and you'll be all right." The bankers forwards put up a swift lot of people. Schnarr put up a good game, but when he admitted to the bar? Perhaps the doctor won't tell. Langford was always in the midst of trouble but that didn't trouble him. The lawyers' fey try to get the game on a technicality as they claim the referee was bought up by the bankers. We have been unable to ascertain if this is true. The final was 8-5 for the bankers, but the lawyers thought to win by superior wind. They said they had the bankers fatigued and would have scored four more goals had time not been called till two minutes later. Messrs. Torrey, Tolle and Don Robertson were impresses and the game was referred by that veteran on the hockey field, Al Rose. The lawyers are going to fix a return match with the bankers to decide this matter definitely. McLeaman says as practice is developed in their line they should be able to improve the hours better than the bankers, but of course when it comes to golden hours the bankers are out.

Shamrocks Keep the Cup.

Winnipeg boys had to return to Montreal without the cup. In a series of games played with the rock team the Victorias won the

hockey will be arranged between the Victorias and the Montreal Shamrocks in Winnipeg about March 21. This should be a great game and will no doubt attract large crowds. In case the event comes off, which is likely, we expect to see among the spectators our own "Thistle" hockey team. They will be able to get a great many pointers about the game which should be invaluable to them. A large crowd will get up from Rat Portage. It is quite likely that if a special train is provided a whole train load of our sports and lovers of hockey will go to see the game.

Curling Still Booming.

Our curlers are still busy with the weights and removing particles of moisture from the driveway allotted to the curling stones. It is now drawing near the close of the inter-rink competition and the rivalry is keen.

There has been a rigid censorship exercised over the doings of Hudson's rink in Winnipeg, but we hear a rumor to the effect that one of the members was heard to say, "Thank goodness Wolsley was there." Perhaps they had such a cinch they hadn't the heart to do the poor curlers. Did they do a thing?

Gaudaur is coming along in fine condition and he may worry Hudson pretty hard.

Gaudaur has 2 games to play and only three losses while Hudson has three more to play and only two losses, but Hudson has a much harder aggregation to fight than Gaudaur. It ought to look as if our champion captain would win out. Hudson has to play Langford's Big 4, Kennedy's Uncertainties and Campbell's Old Veterans. Wringles.

Hudson and Burn were very interested spectators in the game between Gaudaur and Gaudaur in which the latter came out on top.

Ruiton's Kids beat Cameron 2 to 1, 11 ends. "Wasn't that awful?" Burtt said. "I'd rather miss a meal than that." The Kids are O.K.

Ask Gleason about that wick raise shot.

E. J. Rochon, the crack Fort William skip is playing a game this afternoon with Gaudaur.

Following is the score of the different banks:

	WON.	LOST.
Hudson.....	9	2
Neals.....	6	7
Langford.....	7	5
Drewry.....	6	7
Cameron.....	8	5
Carmichael.....	4	8
Kennedy.....	5	9
Sterling.....	5	7
Clark.....	8	5
Gaudaur.....	10	3
Wells.....	6	6
Campbell.....	8	6
Kyle.....	3	8
Bendro.....	7	6
Smith.....	8	4
Burton.....	8	5
Chapple.....	0	9

The Rat Portage curlers, marshalled their forces, gave a Pearson glance at the ice. They said "Hudson" for tonight? If we keep our weather eye open we may take the Bunn.

Royal Jubilee Hospital.

A meeting of the Hospital Board was held last night. The principal business was the election of officers. Mrs. D. C. Cameron was re-elected as president; Judge Chapple, vice-president; Richard Thompson, secretary; Dr. A. Pender, treasurer. Another meeting is called for Tuesday night next to consider report of committees.

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GOLD HILL MILL BURNED.

Mill at the Britannia Mine Totally Destroyed by Fire Yesterday.

Mr. Atkinson, manager of the Britannia Gold Mining Company's group of mines, arrived in town yesterday afternoon with word that the 10 stamp mill on the Gold Hill mine was burned to the ground yesterday morning.

The watchman examined everything around the mill at 10 o'clock Wednesday night and found nothing wrong. Mr. Atkinson looked out of the office window at 11:30 and all seemed well. About 1:30 the camp was made aware that something was wrong and it was discovered that the mill was on fire. It had evidently only had a few minutes' start. A rush was made to get the hose coupled, but it could not be done on account of the heat. The pump was started going, but if was of no use without the hose. Every effort was made by the crew at the mine to save the mill, but without avail. It was only with difficulty that the other buildings were saved. It is thought that the loss will not exceed \$60,000, as some of the machinery was old. We are not informed whether there is insurance or not, but it is quite likely there is none. Mr. Atkinson may have to go to Montreal to consult with the company as to what its intentions are, and the mine may be shut down during his absence. Mr. Bannell Sawyer of Montreal, general manager of the company, was off this week looking over the mine. He deposited a gold brick of \$1,150 in the bank which was obtained from the mine. He expressed himself as well pleased with the results so far obtained and expected after consulting the directors of the company that work would shortly be opened out on a much larger scale. However, the burning of the mill puts a different aspect on the case. Whether the company will now build a new mill at once, or carry the development work to a more complete stage and find out the style and size of mill required for permanent work is undecided, but it is likely that the latter course will be pursued.

Lakefield Gold Mining Co., Limited.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Lakeside Gold Mining Company, Limited, was held in the office of T. R. Deacon on Saturday, the 17th instant. The following are the board of directors for the ensuing year: F. W. Drewry, G. F. Bryan, T. R. Deacon, D. S. Johnston, John C. Mackay, A. M. Hall-Dare, David Wilson, E. A. Holmes, H. H. Beck, H. S. Crotty.

the Victoria lead.

Word was brought to town Friday night that Gus Verner had been frozen to death near Ingolf. A search party went out and found the body on the shore of Hawk lake, about 2 miles from Corbett's camp. It lay beside the remains of a fire by which the dead man had evidently tried to warm himself. There was a bullet wound in the man's head and in his hands was grasped one of the rifles which he took with him. The muzzle was close to the wound and the indications are that he became so badly frozen that all hope of relief was gone and he decided to end his sufferings. Verner left here on the 8th inst. on a prospecting and hunting trip in Manitoba, and it was supposed that he had reached his destination.

Deceased was born in Montreal 33 years ago, and his relatives live there still. He came west about ten years ago. He came here from Winnipeg three years ago, and was latterly employed with Wm. Shaw.

The verdict of the coroner's inquest was to the effect that deceased came to his death through discharge of a rifle held in his own hands.

A brother of deceased arrived here from Montreal to attend the funeral which was held Wednesday.

The late Mr. Verner was quite popular here and will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Canadian Spruce Areas.

World: Referring to the increasing value of spruce limits in connection with the paper industry, the premier of Quebec recently stated that spruce limits which sold for \$8 per mile in 1882 brought \$150 a mile when sold by the government last year. In the province of Quebec 30,000,000 acres of timber limits have been licensed, while it is estimated that there are still unlicensed 100,000,000 acres in the old part of Quebec and 70,000,000 acres in the new part recently added to the province. And most of this is timbered with black spruce, the most valuable of all woods for pulp and paper purposes. We do not know how Ontario's spruce limits compare with those of Quebec, but they are very extensive. Canada possesses without doubt a greater supply of the raw material of the paper manufacturer than any other country in the world. And as yet the Dominion government has done nothing to take advantage of our unique position. A sound protective policy would soon cause Canada to become not only the greatest pulp producing but the greatest paper producing country in the world.

8230 Sold.

Mr. Otto Taubert, of St. Paul, Minn., treasurer of the Orion Gold Mining Company, was in town this week looking after his large mining interests in this region. Mr. Taubert has recently disposed of \$20,000 on Yellow Girl point to St. Paul and Chicago people who will start to work shortly. The consideration was \$10,000 cash and a tenth interest in the company. Mr. Taubert returned to St. Paul Thursday morning.

A parlor concert, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Albans' church, will be held at Mrs. G. P. Phillips' house Tuesday evening next, Feb. 27. There will be an attractive programme, including a few novelties, and a number of our popular singers will take part. Mrs. W. Kendall, who is always listened to with pleasure, will give two piano solos, and Miss Crete Chadwick will contribute readings. An admission of 25c will be charged. It is hoped Mrs. Phillips' commodious drawing room will be well filled on this occasion.

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We will be compelled to follow.

BUT will give special THIS IS NO TRADE
prices until spring. CATCH.

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Application to Parliament

To Market Gardeners
Dairymen and Others

A NOTICE is hereby given that an Application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of Ontario at its next session for an Act to confirm and legalize a by-law of the Municipality of the Town of Rat Portage, passed on the 1st day of November, 1899, by which the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars upon the credit of the Municipality of the Town of Rat Portage for the completion of the construction of a system of water works, is hereby raised, and the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars by the issue of debentures for the completion of the construction of a system of water works in the said Municipality, leviable on all the ratable property in the Centre, North and South wards of the said Municipality.

Dated at Rat Portage this 12th day of February, A. D. 1900.

ALLAN MCLENNAN,
2841. Solicitor for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

ALL Petitions for Local Improvements other than Sidewalks must be in Clerk's hands before the First day of June in order to receive consideration. Any Petitions later than this date will not be acted on by this year's Council.

Form of Petition and other information can be had by applying to

D. H. CURRIE,
744. Town Clerk.

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▲ FAMOUS DUELING GROUND NEAR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The Historic Field Where Brave De-
catur Was Killed by Barron—The
Mason-McCarty and Calley-Graves
Affairs of Honor.

The little village of Bladensburg, about five miles from Washington, once the home of the flower of Maryland's aristocracy, but now rambling collection of decaying houses, is rich in historical association, but it has attained more prominence for its famous dueling ground than for any of its other features. A short distance outside the town a little ravine leads down from the road and opens into a sort of miniature amphitheater, admirably suited to the purpose which for many years it served. A slender stream winds the length of its level, grass-covered bottom, while hills rise protectively on either side, and two great trees, about 80 yards apart, mark the ends of the grounds. It is here so many "affairs of honor," most of them cruel and entirely unnecessary and all unfortunate, have been settled.

The initiation of the spot into its grievous usage occurred in the early part of the year 1814, when Edward Hopkins, an ensign of infantry, was shot by an unknown antagonist. The next duel soon after, when Randall, a naval cadet, settling a dispute in eight paces with pistols, killed Fox, a clerk in the treasury department.

Of the many duels that have been fought here none have been more typical, as examples of what is known as "the eating," than that between General Armand T. Mason, United States Senator from Virginia, and John M. McCarty. During a political debate insults were freely exchanged between the two, and Mason challenged McCarty, who was his cousin. The challenged party proposed that they jump from the dome of the capitol, through that they might with pistols over a barrel of powder, and, finally, that they struggle to the death with darts. All these interesting suggestions were objected to by the seconds, who gravely stigmatized them as "unusual, extraordinary, and opposed to the code of honor," but the matter was settled with muskets loaded with ball at ten feet. It is needless to state that the result was most singularly, for Mason was killed outright and McCarty recovered only after a long illness.

These and other duels had given the place an ill name and an evil reputation, when the country was electrified by the startling news of that deplorable affair in which the gallant Decatur lost his life. The quarrel had arisen between the two, post captains, Barron and Decatur, over the incident of the search of the ill-famed Chesapeake by the British prior to the war of 1812 and the subsequent court martial of Barron, who at that time was in command of the frigate. Decatur was a member of the board of judges which so severely punished the delinquent and had afterward, with a hostility that now seems somewhat uncharitable, opposed all the efforts of his disgraced brother of Decatur to obtain reinstatement in the navy. A long and rancorous correspondence ensued, urged on by interested parties, the dispute was carried just the point of friendly adjustment. All the preliminaries having been arranged, a duel was decided upon for March 22, 1820.

The men met on the field and a short

The Empire at stake.

Washington Star: There is no longer a doubt that the British empire is at stake in this South African war. All England seems now willing to face the issue. It has required only a realization of the fact to insure such reinforcing of the British armies in the field that the tide of battle will soon be turned. The proposition is simple: England cannot afford for an instant to permit the Boers, and much less the world, to believe that these reverses which she has lately been suffering will cause her to withdraw from the contest and make terms. The fighting or the blufing, or both, must be maintained to the last moment, and with the last man. Else were England forever crushed to the rank of an insular kingdom, beset by the enemies whom centuries of conquest and warfare have won for her.

The least wavering now would be fatal. Europe is watching with eyes that penetrate into the most sacred secrets of the English administration. Is there a faint heart in the cabinet at London Germany knows the fact instantaneously. Is there a swelling chorus of criticism Russia hears it on the first echo. Is there a faltering in the war lord's hand as he moves his pawns. France trembles with eagerness for the counter move. Seldom before has a nation stood under such painful scrutiny and amidst such harrowing doubts and griefs. But back of it all is the knowledge that if the fight in Africa is lost there will be other fights to lose in quick succession forthwith, and it will be but a question of time, and a short time at that, before the splendid empire, the work of centuries and thousands of lives and countless millions of pounds, will have melted into history.

This is no exaggeration of the state of the case. If England cannot enforce her propositions to the Boers, but the matter was settled with muskets loaded with ball at ten feet. It is needless to state that the result was most singularly, for Mason was killed outright and McCarty recovered only after a long illness.

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Only a Woman's Story.

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COVERED WITH SORES.

B.B. cured little Harvey Deline nine years ago and he has never had a spot on him since.

IT is practically impossible to heal up sores or ulcers, especially the old chronic kind, with ordinary remedies. No matter how large or of how long standing they may be, however, they heal up readily and stay healed permanently when Burdock Blood Bitters is used.



HARVEY DELINE.

Mrs. E. Deline, Arden, Ont., proves this in the following account she gave of her little boy's case: "When my little son Harvey was one year old he broke out sores all over his body. They would heal up for a time, then break out again about twice a year, till he was past four; then he seemed to get worse and was completely prostrated. When doctors failed to cure him I gave him Burdock Blood Bitters, and besides bathed the sores with it.

"It is nine years ago since this happened and I must say that in all this time he has never had a spot on his body or any sign of the old trouble returning."

view here states that the progress made in the construction of the Winnipeg and Port Arthur section is most satisfactory. They will have welded the quartette of railroads now building during September, 1901, into one line of railway 432 miles in length, built in first class manner and possessing as good grades eastward as any road in America. Mr. Mackenzie is busily engaged in conferences with his partner Dan Main. Mr. Mackenzie remarked that the construction of a line of railway between four and five hundred miles in length, and the financing of the same was an enterprise of considerable magnitude, yet it has been accomplished in about two years. "It took the government twice that length of time to construct the Port Arthur-Winnipeg section of the C. P. R.," was Mr. Mackenzie's next remark. It is unfortunate that the promoters of this system should have to build through a foreign state, but this could not be avoided and 42 miles out of the total of 432 miles will pass through the state of Minnesota. Mr. Mackenzie says eight miles of the American section have been graded, and that 1,000

hectares of land are to be taken for the railway. Laws are to banish license; justice is to break jugs; prohibition is to prohibit, and! Parak is to invite Deborah to help him rule the world."

Miss Willard believed in the power of the press, as:

"The mightiest of the mighty means
On which the arm of progress leans."

We would remember her nobly—she who led us so well up the difficult heights of an unpopular reform.

We would remember her courage in facing new issues that we may the better face the new and unfoldings of the future.

Distribution Samples of Seed Grain

Ottawa, Jan. 22, 1900.
To the Editor of the Miner:

DEAR SIR,—

Under instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture another distribution of sample packages of the best and most productive sorts of cereals &c., is now being made from the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The distribution will consist, as heretofore, of samples of oats, spring wheat, barley, field peas, Indian corn and potatoes. Each sample will weigh three pounds. The quality of the seed will be of the best, the varieties true to name and the packages will be sent free to applicants through the mail. The object in view is the improvement of the character and quality of the grain &c., grown in Canada, an effort widely appreciated, and the choice of varieties to be sent out will be confined to those which have been found to succeed well at the Experimental Farms.

These samples will be sent only to those who apply personally, lists of names from societies or individuals cannot be considered. Only one sample of one sort can be sent to each applicant, but if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat or barley. Applications should be addressed to the Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent any time before the 15th of March, after which date the lists will be closed, so that the samples asked for may all be sent out in good time for sowing. Parties writing will please mention the sort of grain they would prefer and should the available stock of the variety named be exhausted, some other good sort will be sent in its place. Letters may be sent to the Experimental Farm free of postage.

WM. SMITHERS,
Director Experimental Farms.

The Opinion of Women

Women who have tested the merits of Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills return the verdict that for backache and kidney disorders there is no preparation in any way equal to this, great success of Dr. A. W. Chase, America's greatest physician. This great kidney and liver cure is sold by all dealers at 25 cents a box, and has proved most effective as a remedy for the many ills to which woman is subject.

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J. HANFAM Proprietor, late of Rat Portage. Rates \$1.00 per day. Sodas, patent of Rat Portage friends and others. First class accommodation.

To Enjoy....
A Good Dinner

in command of the frigate, Decatur was a member of the board of judges which so severely punished the delinquent and had afterward, with a hostility that now seems somewhat uncharitable, opposed all the efforts of his disgraced brother officer toward reinstatement in the navy. A long and rancorous correspondence ensued. Urged on by interested mischievous masters, the dispute was carried past the hope of friendly adjustment. All the preliminaries having been arranged, a duel was decided upon for March 22, 1820.

The meeting on the field, and a short conversation occurred between them, which (was evidently in a complimentary tone) as Barron was overheard to reply to a remark of his opponent, "Would to God you had said as much yesterday." Nevertheless the two officers squared off, faced each other at eight paces, raised their pistols and at the first utterance of the signal of the old dueling code, "One, two, three, four, stop," fired almost simultaneously. Both fell, and Lieutenant's second, Lieutenant Bainbridge, running forward, found him to all appearances dead. In a few moments, however, he recovered consciousness and asked to be moved to the side of his antagonist, who was seriously and at the time believed to be mortally wounded. A few valiant and kindly remarks passed between them, of which enough were heard to assure the listeners that a reconciliation had taken place. Barron murmured something to the effect that he hoped they would be better friends in the life to come than they had been in this, to which the other responded, "I have never been your enemy, Sir." They were removed in carriages to Washington, D. C., to his mansion in Lafayette square, where he died early the next morning, and Barron to the hospital, where, after many months of pain, he recovered. It is a curious fact that both were absolutely opposed to dueling on principle, but were constrained, the one to protest and the other to accept the challenge, because they dedicated their profession of arms forbade them to do anything else.

One morning in the summer of 1850, a council near the town, two young mischievous came to settle their dispute by an appeal to arms. The first named Sherburne, was exceedingly reluctant to engage, and said to the other, a son of the composer of "The Star Spangled Banner": "Mr. Key, I have no desire to kill you." His antagonist returned: "No matter, I came to kill you." This was not encouraging, and Sherburne answered: "Very well, then I will kill you," which he promptly proceeded to do, as Key fell dead at the first fire.

A duel which was really more a case of murder than an affair of honor was fought in 1838 near Bladensburg and, more than any other single instance, served to develop the rapidly growing sentiment against the foolish practice. The aged Jonathan Cilley, because of his attacks in Congress upon a certain journal, was challenged by the editor of the same through a third person named Graves. The old man properly refused to consider the impudent note, whereupon Graves espoused the cause of the editor upon purely technical grounds and forced the matter to an issue. Cilley, too proud to again refuse, at last agreed to ride at 80 yards. The first shots were fired, and both stood uninjured, but Graves still insisted and at the fourth shot the old man dropped with a rifle ball in his heart.

This disgraceful affair excited so much public indignation that from that time forth the old dueling ground has answered no sterner purpose than to amuse visitors, but if the natives are to be credited, "clients," as they solemnly aver, "has been every night."

Through Trains by 1201.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—Wm. McKenzie, of the Canada Northern, in an inter-

view relationships, while the means of transmitting news and instructions have wonderfully advanced. The year 1890 is a far cry from 1771.

Only a Woman's Story.

BUT IT WILL BRING HOPE TO MANY SILENT SUFFERERS.

Nervous Prostration Heart Weakness, Agonizing Pains and Misery Such as Woman Alone Endure Made the life of Mrs. Thos. Sears a Burden.

Just a woman's story.

Not strange to use it thrillingly every day; not romantic or thrilling, but just a story of misery and misery such as, unfortunately, too many women endure in silence.

For several years Mrs. Thomas Sears of St. Catharines, felt her illness gradually but surely gaining a firmer hold upon her system, and ultimately she almost despaired of recovery. To a reporter who called upon her, Mrs. Sears said:

"What I have suffered is almost beyond description. My mess has been gradually growing upon me and eight months ago I found myself almost helpless. My nerves were shattered, my heart weak and my entire system seemingly broken down. I had no rest night or day; the little sleep I did get did not refresh me, I was in constant agony, and only a woman can understand what I experienced as I tried to do my husband's work. Any sudden noise would rattle me and leave me in a condition bordering on collapse. At times I experienced attacks of vertigo, and these would last for a time to affect my memory. The least exertion would leave me almost breathless, and my heart would palpitate violently. I had no desire for food of any kind, and yet I had to force myself to eat to maintain life. I treated with three different doctors and spent much money in this way, but without avail, and I was in a condition bordering on despair. I was urged to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and in December, 1888, I consented to do so. I first got four boxes and noticed a change for the better, and I then purchased another half dozen boxes. Before these were all used I was again enjoying the blessing of good health. There can be no doubt of my cure because months have passed since I discontinued taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and during that time I have never felt the slightest symptom of the trouble, and I cheerfully and strongly urge other women who are suffering to use this wonderful medicine, feeling sure that it will cure them, as it did me."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a specific for all forms of weakness. The blood is vitalized, the nervous system is reorganized, irregularities are corrected, strength returns and disease disappears. So remarkable have been the cures performed by these little pills that their fame has spread to the far-ends of civilization. Wherever you go you will find the most important article in every drug store to be Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

By act of the Illinois legislature her statue is to be placed in Statuary Hall in the rotunda of the nation's capitol at Washington, D. C. This act originated in the brain of a man and was passed in the senate without a single dissenting voice and in the House by a large majority.

Miss Willard's ideal for the sons of our White Ribboners: "Before I reach my manly prime that golden age will dawn. Ballots, not bullets, are to be its weapons; a clear brain and a pure

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To Win Back Ease.
An English soap manufacturer has received a communication from the authorities of a Presbyterian church in Scotland asking for the firm to advertise the soap on the walls of the church. The letter intimates that the church was in pecuniary difficulties and that this way had been decided on as the best means of raising money.

Abnormal Energy.
"Kirby tells me he walks in his sleep."

"How remarkable! He doesn't do anything but sit around while he is awake."

Beware of Over-eating.
When cow's milk is fed to babies with unfeasted digestion, it must be largely diluted with warm water. Overfeeding is the frequent cause of infantile dyspepsia.

Where Wives are Sold Cheap.
In Africa wives are often sold for two packets of hair pins, and they are sometimes dear at that.

The Fish Alied.
All day he fished upon the strand, And lo, at night it came to pass He'd used ten pounds of bait to land A lone three-quarter bass.

The End is Paralysis.

If the Wasted Nerves are not restored and revitalized by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

"A living mind in a dead body" is the way paralysis is sometimes described. What can be more horrible than to lose all control of the body and feel death gradually claiming you for its own?

Sleeplessness, nervousness, headache, loss of energy and vitality, gloomy forebodings, easy fatigue and weakness of the body are symptoms of the nerve exhaustion which will finally end in paralysis, nervous prostration or insanity.

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For fine WATCH REPAIRING at reasonable charge go to W. A. FERGUSON, THE WATCH SPECIALIST. Next door to Drewry's. All

Lessons in bookkeeping and shorthand are being given on Saturday afternoons at St. Joseph's Academy, by one of the Sisters. Ladies desiring to join the classes already formed, or to take private lessons are hereby advised to apply for further information either at Mount Carmel School or at the Convent.

Ten per cent discount on all cooking and heating stoves. Johnson's New Idea Tinshop. Phone 32.

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It is gratifying to see so many of our merchants going to larger quarters.

building a brick block, the ground floor to be used for the carrying on of his fast increasing trade. There are to be three departments—clothing, boots and shoes, and gents' furnishings. It certainly will make a handsome addition to Main Street, and Mr. Schragge, who is enterprising, will enjoy one of the best paying businesses of our town.

The Algoma Lodge S.O.E. 197 will give their sixth annual social on Monday, Feb. 21. Judging by the preparations that are being made we have no hesitation in predicting that it will surpass all previous socials given by the above lodge.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c. CATARACT CURE...

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You are Talked About

Mr. W. Garrison returned Monday from Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander went to Winnipeg last week.

Mrs. A. Holland is visiting friends in Fort William.

Among our townsmen to go to Winnipeg this week were the following: Messrs. Pearson, Marshall, Bunn, Hudson, Drewry, A. Carmichael, Gilman, H. S. Murphy, Murray, A. McLeaman, H. F. Higgins, S. S. Cummins.

Messrs. Ahlstrom and Lee have their open air rink at the foot of Main St., open for skaters now. They are arranging to give a carnival soon.

Mr. A. H. Grable has accepted the position of junior in the Bank of Ottawa.

Mr. Jas. Beaudro arrived in town Tuesday on a visit to his properties on Lake of the Woods.

Mr. W. S. Rough of Winnipeg is registered at the Hilliard.

Capt. McGauley of Beaver Mills, was in town this week.

Dan Sinclair of Mine Centre was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. David John of the Mikado mine visited Mrs. Harbottle, Lakeside, this week.

Mr. Tapscott's theme at the Tabernacle Sunday evening is "Bags with holes."

Thos. Larkin has been ill during the past week and consequently unable to attend to his numerous patrons.

Mr. Harry Wright will leave for Cape Nome about the end of April. Mr. Wright in conjunction with his

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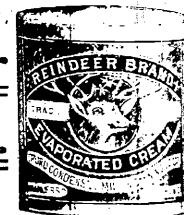
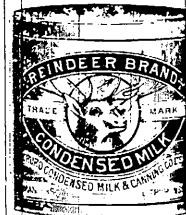
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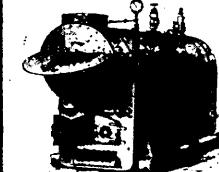
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Edward L. Drewry, of Winnipeg, has issued the prettiest and most expensive calendar of the year. It is a very excellent reproduction of Herriera's (the celebrated animal painter) best works, "Going to the Fair," a typical English scene of sixty or seventy years ago. This reproduction is well worth a prominent place in any office or home, and is a tribute to the genius of E. L. Drewry, of the Redwood Brewery.

Cabinet Organs from \$25 to \$50, slightly used, at the Waterrooms. The Mason & Risch Piano Co., Limited, Main St., Rat Portage.

The new hose sleigh for the use of the fire brigade, was out in exhibition this week. It will carry 1,000 feet of hose and about 12 men. We hear from the officers of the brigade that it is the quickest and best addition to the fire brigade possible to have.

R. Thompson, secretary of the Royal Jubilee hospital, makes the following statement for the week ending Feb. 17: Under treatment Feb. 11-19: admitted during week, 4; discharged, 1; deaths, 0.

The secretary of the hospital acknowledges with thanks the receipt of 1 box of apples, a donation from Friends, also papers and magazines from Lake of the Woods Club.

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Mr. A. Schragge, who has in contemplation big improvements to his business establishment this spring, has purchased this week from Dr. Scovil, 120 feet frontage and 60 feet deep adjoining his present quarters on Main Street. This makes a frontage of 375 feet, on which Mr. Schragge intends

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the advantages of this district we have yet seen, and will undoubtedly have some effect in awakening the capitalists of the metropolis to the possibilities of legitimate investments awaiting them here.

The Gardner, Rice, McLeod Co. LIMITED.

Boot and Shoe Dept.

20% Off all Felt Goods.

Special Sale of odd lines in Men's, Women's and Children's wear.

Now is the time to buy warm footwear, as the cold weather is going to remain for a little time yet.....

A lot of SLATER'S Spring Goods to hand which we are now opening up. Come in and see the latest spring style in Shoes.

Dry Goods & Furnishing Dept.

OUR BARGAIN DAY was a huge success, hundreds of careful buyers came and made their purchases and went away satisfied that the prices at which we sold goods were really phenomenal Bargains. We intend to keep the confidence of the buying public, and will always endeavor to make our customers better pleased every time they come. For all next week we will give Special Prices in all departments, as we carry such a large quantity, space will not permit us enumerating prices. But suffice it to say that when we TALK BARGAINS you can depend on getting something to suit you at Bargain Prices. Come and investigate this sale, it will SAVE YOU MONEY.

TAILORING.—A lot of fine Tweeds for tailoring to hand. Come in and make your selection for a Spring Suit now, when we have a nice assortment to select from.

Grocery Department.

BUTTER

Strained Honey... 20c lb.

Maple Syrup..... 40c qt.

Potatoes, per bus 60c

Eggs splendid for cooking 2 doz. for.... 35c

We carry the finest quality and can satisfy the butter crank. We have an established reputation for keeping the finest butter in town.

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